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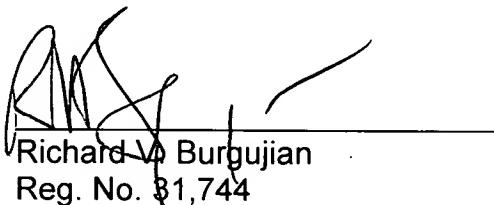
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The Examiner is respectfully requested to send us a duplicate of the copy of the Form PTO-1449, initialed signed and dated, which both acknowledges receipt of the Information Disclosure Statement and the Information Disclosure Citation, and indicates that the reference was considered by the Examiner.

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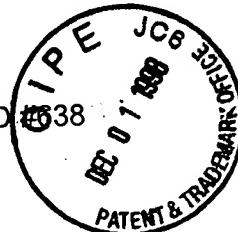
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner a European Search Report and EPO Patent Application No. 0145 321. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the above-listed Search Report and application are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies either reference as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicant determines that the reference does not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such reference.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the identified references should they be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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